

Rochester Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> '57.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman,

(Dear Friend,

A few of the friends of radical Anti Slavery in Rochester, wishing to be remembered at your Bazaar, have made at their homes a few articles, which I forward this day for your acceptance. The contribution is very small & poor in comparison with some of former years, but may it yield do its share in accomplishing the great work before us; yet when I speak of the great work, such efforts <sup>seem to</sup> sink into utter insignificance & we feel they are but as a drop of water to the thirsting & fainting desert traveller who longs to refresh himself at the fountain. Oh! when will the slave in America be free to drink deep of the fountain of Liberty? I would that we might all learn self-sacrifice, that we might lay more



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gifts upon the altar - one reason of the meagerness  
of our gifts, is, that last year we gave up sewing  
& tried raising money in another way - - so  
<sup>with this recommendation</sup> that I feel encouraged to promise more for another  
year if we should live to work in the same way  
as this, at our homes -

On behalf of The friends, sincerely your Co-worker,  
Catharine A. F. Stebbins.

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